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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004. Applicants respectfully submit that this response is timely filed as a Request for Two-month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are filed herewith extending the deadline for responding to November 16, 2004. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.